

REMARKS

In the Office Action mailed May 19, 2004, the Examiner finally rejected claims 1, 2, and 4 to 25. The rejections are respectfully traversed. This Response "E" cancels claim 6, amends claims 1, 7 to 9, 13, 21, and 23, and adds no new claims. Accordingly, claims 1, 2, 4, 5, and 7 to 25 are now pending in this application.

Claims 1, 2, to 4 to 25 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as anticipated by Chaban (US 5,738,475).

Chaban discloses an expansion rivet 92 connecting a fixed member 82 and a movable member 88. The rivet has a head 128 located at the movable member 88 and an overlapping portion 132 opposite the head 128 and located at the fixed member 82. The rivet 92 has a hollow portion 120 and a solid portion 126. The hollow portion 120 expands out to fill the hole in the fixed member 82. The solid portion 126 extends into the movable member 88 to form a reservoir for lubricant since the solid portion 126 does not expand. The hollow 120 extends into the movable member 88 only slightly so that it expands out at the edge of the hole in the moving member 88 to trap lubricant in the reservoir.

Independent claims 1 and 13, and claims dependent therefrom, are allowable because they each include the limitation "wherein the central bore has a maximum internal diameter which extends along the central bore through the first aperture a distance such that the body portion is plastically deformed into contact with the first link near the head portion within the first aperture to provide surface to surface contact between the body portion and the first link in the first aperture which eliminates free play between the first link and the fastener." No prior art of record reasonably discloses or suggests the present invention as defined by claim 1. The rivet 92 of Chabin is designed to trap lubricant in the reservoir 136 between the rivet 92 and the movable member 88. The hollow portion 120 of Chaban does not extend deep enough to remove free play between the rivet 92 and the movable portion 88. The hollow portion 120 of Chaban cannot extend deep enough to remove free play between the rivet 92 and the movable portion 88 because it would eliminate the reservoir 136 which is the purpose of the rivet. It was the

inventive insight of the applicant that the bore could be made much deeper to improve surface to surface contact between the rivet and the moveable member to eliminate free play therebetween. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection is requested.

In light of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in a condition for allowance and notice to that effect is hereby requested. If it is found that that the present amendment does not place the application in a condition for allowance, applicant's undersigned attorney requests that the examiner initiate a telephone interview to expedite prosecution of the application.

If there are any fees resulting from this communication, please charge same to our Deposit Account No. 16-2326.

Respectfully submitted,

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A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Richard M. Mescher', is written over a horizontal line.

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